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Tipper's Tribute to America.

Great and understanding nation!
Bear with one whose humble pen
Sends this hearty commendation
Flying through the months of men;
Not in vain presumptuous daring,
But with gratitude sincere,
As your thousand homages sharing
This Centennial happy year.

None need doubt my faithful fitness
Thus to judge, and so to speak,
As a true and honest witness,
Mindful, though his words be weak.
Since I may not tell out strongly
All the best I feel and see,
Lest suspicion, sneering wrongly
Find a flatterer in me.

Five and twenty years have vanished
Since I hailed you once before,
And my memory holds unimpaired
How you greeted me of yore;
Even now some few surround me—
Thought that quarter century's fled—
And their love has never crowned me
With old blessings on my head.

Thanks to you, dear old and new friends,
Each and all my praise receive,
Everywhere I know you true friends,
And your cordial words believe;
As a brother greets a brother
Still our generous feelings blend,
And we look on one another
Each with each as on his friend.

Noble people! now returning
Absent thus so many a year,
With what heart, not undecorating,
Can I judge your great career?
How does Rip Van Winkle find you—
Worse or better than of yore?
Flinging all your faults behind you?
Forcing all your best before?

Yes! as in that old Dutch story,
You have grown both great and good;
Truly, progress is your glory,
Winning all that mortals could;
Truly rising better, wiser,
For adventures and woes,
Gathering good from each adviser,
War and peace, and friends and foes.

Temperance, morals, courteous bearing,
And the hand to help all round,
Each another's burden sharing—
Generous traits like these abound;
Energetic, self-confiding,
And religious, and sincere,
Patient, dutiful, law-abiding—
Men like these are common here!

God's good will your country blessing
Helps your words of human will,
Wooden clogs, each possessing
Every type of art and skill;
While the wilderness rejoices,
Showing Eden on the earth,
With the shout of freemen's voices,
Woman's song, and childhood's mirth.

Since your pilgrim fathers landed
(Some in miles sailed with them, too),
Giant hearted, giant handed,
We still fight life's battles through,
Till the universal empire
Of our Anglo-Saxon race
Builds us deeper, broader, higher,
Kings and priests in every place!

—Martin F. Tipper.

DAISY'S COURTSHIP.

The old-fashioned kitchen door stood wide open, and the strong, sweet west wind poured through the sanded floorboards, swaying in slow, graceful waves the blue muslin skirts of Daisy May's morning wrapper, as she stood beside the table arranging a pile of stemless flowers in a shallow glass dish.

"Indeed, I'll never marry a farmer, Annie. I love the country well enough—here at home, where nothing but the poetry of it falls to me—gathering flowers, drinking creamy milk, watching shady spots, driving whenever I want to, and always sent luscious things to eat—and in winter rides, and sleighing, and plenty of books and my music."

"And John Maurice?" Her aunt tacked the name very tersely at the end of the long list of attractions; then watched to see the effect on Daisy's face.

The pretty lips parted charmingly.

"Maurice! Oh, John's good enough, of course; but—"

"It's a good thing you have got over your foolish attachment to him, Daisy, for he's going to be married soon. Engaged to one of the prettiest girls you ever saw—a Miss Winchester, visiting at Castledean's."

Daisy's eyes grew a little darker, and then she elevated her eyebrows coldly.

"He's engaged, is he? Oh, well, that's perfectly natural, I am sure. I suppose Miss Winchester did you say?—I suppose she is a decided blonde, and petite?"

Daisy didn't say that Maurice had often sworn that there was no other style of beauty for him but Daisy's own.

"Oh, bless you, no! Miss Winchester is full, almost as tall as John, and very stately, and a lovely brunette. Everybody thinks John a lucky fellow."

Daisy rose and took down her garden hat.

"I dare say he is—only I never could see what there was about those tall, dark women to captivate anybody. Annie, I'm going over to Minnie Castledean's while—may I?"

Mary watched the petite, graceful figure in the navy blue foulard cambric, and white tulle hat, tied over the clustering, floating curls, and nodded her head wisely and smiled serenely.

"You darling, you perfect darling to come to us. Daisy, I've been just dying to see you and have you at home again. We're going to have the most jolly times this summer, you know. The house is full, and there is Nellie Winchester especially I want you to know, and the handsomest young officer on leave—Gus brought him up—Colonel Cressington; and we've impressed John Maurice—you remember John. He's the handsomest fellow—beats the colonel, I tell you, and Nellie's just bewitched after him."

And Daisy laughed and assented, and declared she half remembered John Maurice, and was dying to see Miss Winchester, and intended inaugurating a flirtation at once with the military gentleman.

Minnie rattled on, as seventeen-year-old girls have a way of doing,

"It's too bad! Nell's gone down to the city to-day to buy ribbon for the picnic—oh, you'll surely be here next Tuesday for our picnic at Eagle's Head, Daisy? I suppose John Maurice will take Nellie, and I am sure Colonel Cressington will be delighted to be your escort."

"Colonel Cressington will be happier than ever before in his life, if he may have that honor, Miss Minnie."

When her morning call was over, Colonel Cressington insisted on walking home with her, and Daisy permitted it—not because he was so handsome and so entertaining, or she so pleased with him, but because—well, she felt a little provoked at hearing so many praises of the lady to whom John Maurice was engaged; and somehow it made her feel better to flirt a little.

And, as if the very fates themselves were propitious, who should she and her gallant cavalier meet, face to face for the first time in three years to Daisy, but John Maurice?

John Maurice—so perfectly splendid in his clear, dark, manly beauty, his stylish clothes—everything just as it should be.

This John Maurice—and engaged to Nellie Winchester!

Daisy's heart gave a bound as he extended a hand which she saw had a plain gold ring on the little finger.

And then she crushed all the joy she had felt at seeing him, and gave him her hand with a cool, graceful little bow.

"Daisy May! is it possible? Why, you are prettier than ever, and—I declare, Daisy, I am awfully glad you're home again."

He was so easily familiar, so frank—and engaged to her!

Daisy smiled.

"Thank you, Mr. Maurice, for your good will. I am glad to see you."

It was very proper, very ladylike, but a shadow came over John's handsome face.

"I hope I shall see you often, Daisy. You'll be at the picnic on Tuesday? Cressington, keep that sunshade over her head. Good-bye till I see you again."

His horse was prancing restlessly, and he was off like a dart and out of sight when Daisy bowed good-bye to her uniformed gallant at the gate.

"What a handsome fellow John Maurice has grown to be, hasn't he, uncle?"

Daisy was sipping her coffee slowly that Tuesday morning—a cloudless June day, that the gods had arranged for the Castledean party's picnic, and Daisy, her lovely golden hair brushed off her forehead in loose, burnished waves, and caught at the back of the head with pale blue ribbons, was impatiently trying to get through her toilet.

Her uncle buttered a slice of homemade bread with keen relish.

"You might travel a seven days' journey and not come across his equal. And he's lucky too. He sold his interest in that railroad for ten times what he gave, enough to buy him the prettiest farm in the country—Edge Wire, and it's stocked first-class. I can tell you. He's bound to make a fortune, and they say that Winchester girl'll bring him considerable."

"He'll never think of her money. He's not that kind of a man at all. Aunt Mary stole a glance at the girl's face."

"John's a splendid fellow, and his wife'll be the happiest woman going. I do say, Daisy, nothing would have pleased your uncle and I better if John had taken a notion to you."

"You should have said if I had taken a notion to John. But you see—I haven't."

She threw a kiss coquettishly and vanished through the door to have a foolish cry up in her room before she dressed herself.

And when Colonel Cressington drew up in his two horse phaeton, he thought he never had seen such a perfect picture of girlish beauty and happiness in all his life.

And Maurice dashed by in his white with Nellie Winchester, radiant in white muslin and rose hued ribbons, in time to get a bow and a gleaming smile from Daisy, and to think, with another of those shadows on his face that Daisy had seen before, that Colonel Cressington and Daisy were good—very good friends.

The long summer day had crept pleasantly along, and the lengthened shadows were warning the gay picnickers it was time to be preparing for return.

Colonel Cressington and Nellie Winchester had strolled off arm in arm an hour before, and Minnie Castledean and a dozen others were lounging on the soft sward, gossiping, laughing and enjoying a *dolce far niente* generally, while Maurice was walking about unobserved, unremembered by the others, with head bent down, as if in close search for something lost—his ring that he had missed, and missing, had at once it was so valuable.

But a pained, white look on his face that had been there at intervals all day intensified as he thought how dear that simple band was to him and why.

He went on and on, separating further and further from the party, until sobs, low, indistinct, as if unsuccessfully suppressed, but unmistakable sobs, attracted his attention, and a second continuance in the direction he was going brought him in full view of Daisy May, with her head bowed on her hands and her frame convulsed with violent weeping, and glistening on her fair finger the circlet of gold for which he was searching.

Seeing him she sprung to her feet, and dashing the tears from her eyes, said:

"I found your ring, Mr. Maurice."

She drew it off her finger and handed it to him, calling all the powers of an unhappy, foolish little heart to her aid to make her strong and indifferent—who had been sitting there kissing and crying over John's engagement ring.

John took the ring, and holding it between his fingers and thumb, looked in her face, with his own pale and eager.

"Daisy, tell me you were crying because you love me. Is it so? Daisy, my only, my own darling. I almost dread to have your answer, for I fear it will be no. But—do you love me, my darling?"

"I sudden glory flashed over her face, her very soul looking out of her eyes. Then, her lips quivering piteously:

"Oh! John, how can you talk to me so?" Nellie Winchester.

He pressed her suddenly closely to him and pushed her head down on his shoulder.

"Look up, little one. Nellie Winchester is nothing to me, although rumor has said so. You are all the world to me, darling. Am I so to you? Will you take the ring I bought when I heard you were coming home, and determined to see you for my own, as soon as I saw you? Daisy, I have been engaged to you since I can remember. Will you ratify it?"

And with all her soul in the kiss she gave him, Daisy knew her heart was at rest in John Maurice's love.

That night it was announced in the Castledean parlor privately, of course, that the picnic had been a great success.

Colonel Cressington had proposed to Miss Winchester, and had been accepted, and Minnie confidentially whispered to Daisy:

"Wasn't it cunning? For Nell carried on with John Maurice just to try to make the colonel jealous, so that he would propose. That's the way I mean to do; don't you?"

And Daisy smiled and blushed, and stole a glance at John's happy face, and thought how good everything was.

Vanderbilt's Second Marriage.

Commodore Vanderbilt's first wife died in 1867. During the summer of 1868 he married Miss Frank Crawford, who was about thirty years of age, the commodore then being in his seventy-fifth year. Miss Crawford's father was a well-to-do planter and merchant, who came of a Virginia family. He moved to Mobile, Alabama, where Miss Crawford was born. The war made serious inroads into the Crawford estate, and shortly after his close Mr. Crawford died. Early in 1866 the widow and her daughter Frank moved to New York. They became members of the Church of the Strangers, in Mercer street, of which the Rev. Dr. Charles F. Deems is pastor. A distant relationship was found to exist between Mrs. Crawford and the commodore. Her mother was a Miss Hand. The mothers were first of second cousins. The relationship gave rise to visiting and intercourse between the two families, and the commodore became enamored of the daughter.

During the summer of 1868 the commodore paid his usual visit to Saratoga. From what the commodore has said to acquaintances, it would appear that he made up his mind to the new alliance suddenly and brought it about with the suddenness and determination which characterized some of his railroad exploits. The commodore has said that when he "popped the question," Miss Frank said she would have him if Dr. Deems could be found to perform the ceremony. The commodore immediately telegraphed to New York for Dr. Deems, but the clergyman happened to be out of town, and the commodore hating as usual to let anybody know what he was about until his plans were consummated, decided not to make a telegraphic search for Dr. Deems. He and his young bride, without exciting any curiosity at Saratoga, made a rapid trip over the New York Central railroad to Canada and were married by a young Wesleyan minister in the city of London. The commodore in speaking of his wedding journey, afterward said: "I didn't want to raise a noise in the United States, so I slipped over to Canada and did it done in a jiffy, and I guess the knot was well tied." Mrs. Frank Crawford Vanderbilt has one brother, who is in charge of a freight department of the New York Central.

Mrs. Crawford has formed a part of the commodore's family since the marriage of her daughter. It is told of Dr. Deems, that one day dining with the family he and the commodore fell to talking with some levity about the recent marriage. Said Dr. Deems, nodding to Mrs. Crawford: "Commodore, this is the only way you ought to have married."

Oh, no, you said the commodore, regarding his mother-in-law with a look of satisfaction, "if I had married her, Frank would have gone off and married somebody else. Now I have both."

Proverbs for Subscribers.

"A wise son maketh a glad father," and a prompt paying subscriber causeth an editor to laugh.

"Folly is a joy that is destitute of wisdom," but a delinquent subscriber causeth suffering in the house of a newspaper maker.

"All the ways of a man are clear in his own eyes," except the way the delinquent subscriber hath in not paying for his newspaper.

"Better is a little with righteousness," than a thousand subscribers who fail to pay what they owe.

"A just weight and balance are the Lord's," but that which is due upon your newspaper is the publisher's thereof.

"Better is a dry morsel and quietness thereof" than a long list of subscribers who cheateth the printer.

"Better is the poor man that walketh in integrity" and payeth his subscription than the rich man who continually telleth thy "devil" to call again.

"Judgments are prepared for scorners, stripes for the backs of fools," and everlasting damnation for him who payeth not for his newspaper.

"Hope deferred maketh the heart sick" is a proverb sadly realized by the publisher who sendeth out bills.

"A righteous man hateth lying," hence an editor waxes wroth against the subscriber who promises to call and settle on the morrow, yet calleth not to settle.

"It biteth like a serpent and stingeth like an adder" when the adder gets for the space of two years, and money enough to transport me, I should go to a region where nature had provided for the farmer favorable conditions; say Pennsylvania, New York, Tennessee, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, Texas, Iowa; and there, about the first of April, I should set a good farmer, who would give me food, lodging and instruction, in return for my hearty and loyal labor. By the end of my two years, I should be ready, perhaps, for a step forward. The right man is always wanted, always welcome; by the time I knew enough, a good farm would come seeking me, and I would go upon it, and earn it, and live and die upon it.

What he Would Do.

Says James Parton: For my part, if I were twenty years of age, I should strike for the soil. As soon as I could raise two years' supply of clothes and money enough to transport me, I should go to a region where nature had provided for the farmer favorable conditions; say Pennsylvania, New York, Tennessee, Ohio, Illinois, Missouri, Texas, Iowa; and there, about the first of April, I should set a good farmer, who would give me food, lodging and instruction, in return for my hearty and loyal labor. By the end of my two years, I should be ready, perhaps, for a step forward. The right man is always wanted, always welcome; by the time I knew enough, a good farm would come seeking me, and I would go upon it, and earn it, and live and die upon it.

THE OLD WORLD.

Difficulties of a Russo-Turkish War—A Long and Severe Campaign.

By a recent cable dispatch, Gen. Von Moltke is reported as predicting a long and severe campaign in case the difficulties between Russia and Turkey were not adjusted by the conference and ended in war. Von Moltke, besides being the highest strategic authority in Europe served himself, before his first promotion, as Prussian Colonel in one of the Russo-Turkish wars, and has written a book upon it. Whether he has publicly expressed this opinion or not, says the *New York Times*, all past experience of wars on the Danube will confirm its correctness. In the war of 1828-9, which ended in the peace of Adrianople, the Russian Army was nearly eight months in advancing from the Pruth to the Balkan, which mountains, indeed, they did not fairly reach in that year. The Turks possessed then none of the modern armaments, and had not then adopted the modern European organization. Their fortified places were poorly strengthened and defended, and they had no important depots of provisions. Yet, by their remarkable tenacity of defense in the fortified posts, they delayed each step of the Russian advance, and had their genius for attack been equal to that for defense, they could have utterly cut to pieces the Muscovite army on the right bank of the Danube. As it was, the Russians met with terrific losses both by battle and disease, in the first year of the campaign, and only reached the district a little beyond the mouth of the Danube, and the march over the Balkans and along the sea to Adrianople and Constantinople. As to those mountains, the Turks, at that period, did not seem to fully appreciate their importance, and the passes were not well fortified. The great defenses relied upon were the fortified posts at the front of them, Slunla, in the interior, and Varna, on the sea.

It should, however, be said for the Russians in that campaign that, owing to a dread of alarming Europe, they entered the contest with a very inadequate army, and fearing for the safety of Poland, left large forces in that disturbed country, and broke up their invading army by uselessly occupying the principal passes. Many stupid blunders, too, were made in their conduct of the campaign, yet in that respect they were not unlike their opponents. Among other deficiencies, they were entirely lacking in an efficient light cavalry. Though the Turks were finally beaten, and made a peace very disastrous to themselves, yet it is believed by good authorities that had the sultan held out a little longer, the necessities of Russia would have compelled her to make a peace very different in its results to both countries. 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